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"Had quite a row here," returned

blood, an' it never come from him, fer

He stirred up the scattered ashes,

and then passed over and looked at

"They stopped here to eat, maybe

ever did that. Then they struck out

"Good enough," and Wasson patted his arm. "You're a plainsman all

right, 'Brick:' You kin sure read signs.

Thet's just 'bout the whole story, as !

make it. Nuthin' fer us to do but

snatch a bite an' go on. Our hosses 're fresher'n theirs. No sense our

stoppin' to bury Connors; he ain't worth it, an' the birds'il take care 'o

him. The outfit was still a headin'

There could be no doubt of this, as

the shelter of the sand ridge had pre-

served a plain trail, although a few

yards beyond, the sweeping wind had

already almost obliterated every sign

of passage. The four men ate heartily of their cold provender, discussing the

situation in a few brief sentences

Wasson argued that Dupont was head-

ing for some Indian winter encamp

ment, thinking to shift responsibility

for the crime upon the savages, thus

permitting him to return once more

to civilization, but Hamlin clung to his

original theory of a hide-out upon Du-

pont's old cattle-range, and that a pur-

pose other than the mere robbery of

McDonald was in view. All alike, how-

ever, were convinced that the fugi-

tives were seeking the wild bluffs of

It was not yet dark when they again

picked up the trail, rode around the

dead body of Connors, and pushed for-

ward into the maze of sand. For an

hour the advance was without inci-

dent, the scout in the lead not even

dismounting, his keen eyes picking up the faint "sign" unerringly. Then

darkness shut down, the lowering bank

of clouds completely blotting the stars,

although the white glisten of the sand

under foot yielded a slight guidance.

Up to this time there had been no de-

viation in direction, and now when the

trail could be no longer distinguished,

the little party decided on riding

straight southward until they struck

the Cimarron. An hour or two later

the moon arose, hardly visible and yet

brightening the cloud canopy, so that

the riders could see each other and

proceed more rapidly. Suddenly Vasson lifted his hand, and turned

'Thought I felt it afore, and the wind's

Hamlin turned in the saddle, feeling

already the sharp sting of snow pel

ets on his face. Before he could even

answer the air was fall of whiteness,

a flerce gust of wind hurling the fly-

ng particles against them. In an-

other instant they were in the very

seart of the storm, almost hurled for-

ward by the force of the wind, and

Thar's Nothin' Goin' to Happen to

bitnded by the icy deluge. The polting of the hall startled the horses, and in

spite of every effort of the riders, they

drifted to the right, tails to the storm.

The swift change was magical. The

sharp particles of tcy snow seemed to

swirl upon them from every direction,

sucking their very breath, bewilder-

direction. Within two minutes the

men found it impossible to penetrate

The Sergeant knew what it meant,

for he had had experience of these

(To be continued)

the wintry shroud except for a few

fect ahead of them.

plains storms before

Her While This Bunch is on the

face up to the sky.

the Canadian river for concealment.

"You're a plainsman all

ahead, traveling slow."

south—see!"

"What do yer think, Sergeant?"

with impatience as Hamlin "Pockets turned inside out," he said. was, fearful that every additional mo glancing back. "The poor devil!" ment of delay might increase the girl's danger, he was yet soldier and plains the scout. "That stain over thar is man enough to realize the wisdom of the old acout. There were at least he died whar he fell. Most likely he four men in the party pursued, two of shot furst, or used a knife. The girl's them Indian warriors, the two whites with 'em anyhow; I reckon this yere desperate characters. Without doubt was her ribbon; that footprint is they would put up a fierce fight, or, if sure." warned in time, could easily scatter

and disappear. "Of course you are right, Sam," he the dead man. replied promptly. "Only I am so afraid of what may happen to Miss Molly."

"Forget it. Thar's nuthin' goin' ter five hours ago," pushing the ashes happen to her while the bunch is on about with his toe. "The fire has been the move. If that outfit was all Injun, out that long. Then they got into a or all white, maybe thar might. But quarrel-Connors and Dupont-for he the way it is they'll never agree or was shot with a Colt '45;' no Inidan nuthin', 'cept how to git away. "T ever did that. Then they struck out ain't likely they ever meant ter kill again with two led horses. I should the Major, 'er take the girl erlong. say they were three or four hours Them things just naturally happened, an' now they're scared stiff. It'll take a day er two for 'em to make up their minds what to do."

"What do you imagine they will de-cide, Sam?"

"Wall, thet's all guesswork. But I reckon I know what I'd do if I was in thet sort 'o fix an' bein' chased fer murder an' robbery. I'd take the easy way; make fer the nearest Injun village, an' leave the girl thar."

You mean Black Kettle's camp?" "I reckon; he's down thar on the Canadian somewhar. You kin bet those fellars know whar, an' thet's whut they're aimin' for, unless this yere Dupont has some hidin' out scheme of his own. Whar did you say he ranched?"

Buffalo Creek."

"Thet's the same neighborhood; must 've been in cahoots with those red devils to have ever run cattle in thar. We've got to head 'em off afore they git down into that kintry, er we won't have no scalps to go back home with. Let's mosey erlong, boys."

The day grew dark and murky as they moved steadily forward, the wind blew cold from out the northwest, the heavy canopy of cloud settled lower in a frosty fog, which gradually obscured the landscape. This mist became so thick that the men could scarcely see a hundred yards in any direction, and Hamlin placed a pocket compass on his saddle-pommel. The trail was less distinct as they traversed a wide streak of alkali, but what few signs remained convinced Wasson that the fugitives were still together, and riding southward. Under concealment of the fog his previous caution relaxed, and he led the way at a steady trot, only occasionally drawing rein to make certain there was no division of the party ahead. The alkali powdered them from head to foot, clinging to the horses' hides, reddening and blinding the eyes, poisoning the lips dry and parched with thirst. The two troopers swore grimly, but the Sergeant and scout rode in silence, bent low over We are paying the highest price their pommels, eyes strained into the It was not yet dark when they rode in between the first sanddunes, and Wasson, pulling his horse up short, checked the others with uplifted hand.

"Thar'll be a camp here soon," he said, swinging down from the saddle, and studying the ground. "The wind has bout blotted it all out, but you kin see yere back o' this ridge whar they turned in, an' they was walkin' their horses. Gittin' pretty tired, I reckon. We might as well stop yere too. Sergeant, an' eat some cold grub. You two men spread her out, an' rub down the hosses, while Hamlin an' I poke about a bit. Better find out all we kin, 'Brick,' 'fore it gits dark."

He started forward on the faint Office Over First National Bank trail, his rifle in the hollow of his arm. and the Sergeant ranged up beside him. The sand was to their ankles, and off the ridge summit the wind swirled the sharp grit into their faces.

"What's comin,' Sam; a storm?" "Snow," answered the scout shortly, "a blizzard of it, er I lose my guess 'Fore midnight yer won't be able ter see yer hand afore yer face. I've been out yere in them things afore, an' they're sure hell. If we don't git sight o' thet outfit mighty soon, 't ain't likely we ever will. I've been expectin' that wind to shift nor'east all daythen we'll get it." He got down on his knees, endeavoring to decipher some faint marks on the sand. "Two of 'em

dismounted yere, an Injun an' a white vig feller by his hoof prints-an' boy went on leadin' their hosses. Goin' into camp, I reckon-sure, here's the spot now. Well, I'll be

damned!" Both men stood staring-under protection of a sand ridge was a little blackened space where some mesquite chips had been burned, and all about it freshly trampled sand, and slight

impressions where men had outstretched themselves. Almost at Wasson's feet fluttered a pink ribbon, and beyond the fire circle lay the body of a man, face up to the sky. It was Connors, a ghastly bullet bole between his eyes, one cheek caked black with blood. The Sergeant sprang across, and bent over the motionless form,

BREAKING INTO POULTRY

One of the queries that comes to me most frequently from would be poultry keepers is: "How can I best make a safe start in the poultry business?" Many living in villages and cities say they have not a fowl or chick, but would like to keep just a few to provide eggs for their own tables. One says: "I take a big poultry magazine and have access to two more, and I asked this question of each, and they gave a list of necesities that footed up thirty-five to eighty dollars. Now I come for a bit of common sense and reasonable-

The first advice I give every begin ner is to let incubators alone. Stick to the hen. After you learn how to hatch and raise chicks with hens and runs as soon as he arose in the mornyou begin to feel that you understand the business you can tackle an incubator and get your eye teeth

The orthodox advice of the poultry journals to the beginner is to purchase a trio or pen from some breeder for about twenty-five to fifty dollars and start "right." My advice is to buy two or three one year old hens and five or six good sized pullets from some poultry raiser near you. Have him pick you good birds from his flock. They will probably cost you a dol'ar each. Do not buy any male. You do not need one. He eats as much as a hen, makes more noise than a whole flock of hens and is of no use whatever.

To the beginner who is very short of cash I would advise the purchase of a hen and brood of chicks. The poultryman will want a dollar for the hen and about fifteen cents apiece for the chicks and one can buy from ten to twenty chicks. Twenty is not too many, and the ben will care for them well in a coop made of a goods box covered with a piece of prepared roofing. Ten feet of one inch mesh poultry netting two feet wide fastened to stakes driven in the ground will make a good yard for them. When the hen begins to fly out of this pen cover it with a piece of two inch mesh poultry netting and keep her in. Simply tie this netting with bits of string and tie the side netting to the stakes with string It will last as long as needed.

A house for eight or ten hens can be made from a piano or organ box, but I prefer one that is large enough to shelter me while I attend to the birds.

I would make it about six feet wide eight or ten long, and high enough to stand up in. It may be constructed of goods boxes knocked apart or of a cheap grade of lumber. I prefer the latter. Then it should be entirely covered with a good grade of prepared roofing. The roofing does not cost much, and it makes the roof rain proof. One can fit up the interior to suit himself, but sma'l box nests and ow perches are really about all that is needed. The run connected with the house may be four to eight feet wide and as long as desired. It should be about thirty inches high, entirely enclosed and covered with two inch mesh poultry netting. Where one has free range the run is not needed, but in town it is a necessity. When the run or yard is covered with netting one does not need to clip the flights off one wing, as he must if the yard

A Few Better Than Many The variety of fowls the beginner should select should be one of the utility sort. Any of the Plymouth Rocks, or Wyandottes, or Rhode Isl and Reds. In confinement these va ricties lay as many eggs as the so called egg breeds do on range, while they thrive much better because not so restless.

One thing the beginner in town or country must guard against is keeping too large a number. A few do much better than a large number. One lady living in a village not far from me has four Plymouth Rock hens that have laid four eggs a day for weeks. They are very ordinary looking birds and have no secret egg marks or signs about them, but they deliver the goods just the same.

Another lady I know, living in town has a house and run like the one I have described and keeps six hens in it and these six have laid almost continuously for the past year. They have averaged four eggs a dar al that time, while many people keeping fifty to a hundred hens have not received enough eggs for their own

ing them, robbing them of all sense of These two little flocks seem to be perfectly contented. They have the scraps from the table and a feeding box always supplied with a mixture of coarse commeal, bran and mid. dlings or shorts. They have plenty of water and crush of oyster shell all

the time. What One Man Does For His Flock

A mechanic living in town bas a flock of twelve neas in a house and run like the one described, except that his run is made in sections four by twelve feet which have a small in the cost of living is quite large. door at each end. These sections are placed end to end ordinarily, but are switched about the lot so as to cover garden plots that have had the principal part of the vegetables removed. These the hens scratch over thorough'y each season and eat all stray worms, bugs and green stuff that may be left in them. This man has all the eggs the family uses the year around from those twelve hens. And he also has one of the best little gardens in his town. His runs are easily moved about, and his hens thoroughly cultivate each vegetable bed as soon as the vegetables are removed. This year he had two fine beds of radishes and lettuce too far away for his runs to reach. After the best of the vegetables were removed he called the hens into one of the ing and then dragged the run on the beds, and left it there until time to go to work, when he pulled it back to the other runs. This man buys six pullets each autumn from a farmer who has good birds, and uses the six two year hens, which they replace on his table. Last spring he bought fifteen eggs from his farmer, placed them under one of his hens and hatched fourteen chicks which he raised in a coop and one of is runs. They now weigh over three pounds each. He says he licks his chops every time

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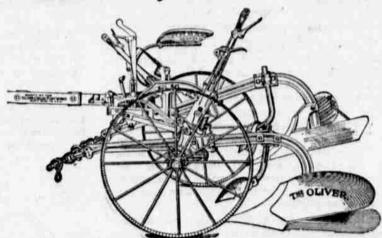
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